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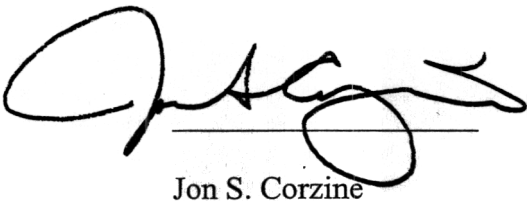
Dear President Bush,

We are writing to urge you to raise with Russian President Vladimir Putin the issue of Darfur, Sudan. Your meeting with President Putin, scheduled for February 24 in Bratislava, Slovakia, comes amidst reports of continued atrocities in Darfur. The international community must take action now to stop the on-going genocide in Darfur, and Russia, as a permanent member of the United Nations Security Council, has an important role to play in supporting efforts to stop the killing.


The Government of Sudan must understand in clear and certain terms that all members of the United Nations Security Council stand firm in condemning the crimes against humanity on-going in Darfur and in acting to sanction the perpetrators of these injustices. President Putin should state clearly Russia's support for Security Council resolutions imposing sanctions against the Government of Sudan and freezing the assets of and denying entry visas to perpetrators of crimes against humanity. At the least, Russia should not stand in the way of such Security Council resolutions.

As you stated in Brussels, it is time for Russia to "renew a commitment to democracy and the rule of law." As you rightfully encourage President Putin to reverse recent undemocratic moves in Russia, we urge you to also encourage President Putin to support peace, human rights, stability and democracy overseas. He can start by ensuring that Russia plays a productive role in the Security Council with regard to Darfur.

Sincerely,



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